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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants hereby disclose the following references, copies of which are enclosed, regarding the above-identified patent application.

<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
4,051,596	Hofmann	10/04/77
4,850,354	McGurk-Burleson et al.	07/25/89
5,513,434	Hamman	05/07/96
6,209,207	Patterson et al.	04/03/01

<u>Foreign Patent Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
1706603 A1	Russia	01/23/92
1725870 A1	Russia	04/15/92

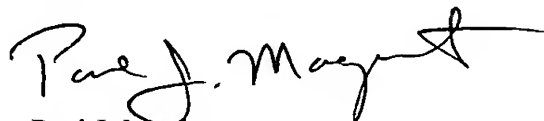
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicants' undersigned representative submits the following concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language documents cited above and on the accompanying form PTO-1449:

Russian patent 1706603 A1 discloses a pin tensioner with a pin cutting mechanism and an additional undersprung wedging roller mounted on a support branch. The pin tautener is equipped with a pin cutting mechanism. The support branch (4) has an additional undersprung wedging roller (6). The basic (5) and additional (6) rollers are made in the form of eccentrics, with axes positioned parallelly and in the same plane. The pin cutting mechanism (7) has an immobile knife (9) fixed to the side of the support branch (4).

Russian patent 1725870 A1 discloses a pin cutter with working jaws having longitudinal grooves and cutting element disks with flats on end faces. The working jaws (5,6) have longitudinal grooves (7,8). The cutting elements are discs (9,10) with flats (11,12) on their endfaces, cut-outs (13,14) and conical recesses (15) with cutting edges on their ends. The discs (9,10) are set in the grooves (7,8) with the possibility of rotation and interaction with each other through a pusher (17) set in the cut-outs (13,14).

It is believed that no fees are due for the consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-0014, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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	AM	1725870 A1	04/15/1992	Russia			Yes No
	AN						Yes No
	AO						Yes No
	AP						Yes No

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